

FBI FILES AND DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO EXTREME RIGHT INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND THEIR ASSERTIONS

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I am a freelance researcher into the history of conservative and extreme right individuals, organizations, publications, and controversies in the U.S. I am not connected to any organization.

My interest in this subject matter began in the early 1960's. A relative of mine (who was a police officer) had a subscription to the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin* which I read regularly. Every issue had an "Introductory Message" authored by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

One day while reading one of Hoover's messages, I noticed that he made a comment which flatly contradicted a statement which, coincidentally, had just been published in a letter-to-the-editor to my local newspaper. So I responded to that person's letter. I quoted Hoover's comment and I added some additional material from a recent report by the California Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities.

After my reply was published, I received several hostile anonymous phone calls and one individual (whom I later discovered was a John Birch Society member) replied in the form of a poem which was published in my local paper. One part of her poem inquired: *"Is it just coincidence that Ernie's words so arty, sound just like the Communist Party?"*

I never understood (then or now) how quoting Hoover or our state un-American activities committee could put me in the company of the CPUSA --- and thus began my life-long interest in right-wing conspiracy theories and their adherents.

In 2009, I discovered several messages which were posted on the John Birch Society website and those messages were by JBS members and supporters who had seen this Introduction to my decades of research. In typical Bircher fashion, my explanation for my interest in this subject matter (summarized above) was deliberately mis-represented. I was accused of having a "40-year vendetta" against the JBS because I was supposedly "insulted" or because my "feelings were hurt" when my interest in right-wing conspiracy theories began.

As is typical of JBS members, they never bothered to contact me to ask a question or to seek clarification before resorting to ad hominem attacks upon my character or integrity. Instead, they just totally ignored that I stated I could

not **INTELLECTUALLY** understand how someone could link me to communism by my use of quotations from such indisputable anti-communist sources such as J. Edgar Hoover/FBI or from our California Senate Subcommittee on Un-American Activities --- both of which the JBS had effusively praised as being entirely authoritative and reliable sources.

So, to any Bircher reading this: It is NOT a "vendetta" nor were my feelings hurt as a teenager when all this began. I simply became fascinated by the MENTAL gymnastics revealed by the type of comment in the poem that I mentioned above - and I then became fascinated by right-wing conspiracy narratives. AND: Nothing has changed during the past 50+ years...Birchers still malign their critics and fabricate lies about their character!

For more than 38 years I have been acquiring FBI (and other agency) files and documents via Freedom of Information Act requests. Of particular interest to me have been those persons and organizations who espouse a conspiracy explanation of current events and past historical developments---such as the John Birch Society.

As I learned more about the intellectual history of right-wing conspiracy arguments, I realized that I would need to pursue research on many hundreds of individuals, organizations, publications, and controversies. I was particularly drawn to subjects which had not been previously researched and, consequently, not many (or no) books, articles, or other publications were available on the subjects I was pursuing.

Altogether, I have received about 600,000 pages of documents and quite often I have been the first person to request and receive these files and documents. (In March 2007, the FBI informed me that I had submitted approximately 8900 FOIA requests during the preceding 28 years).

See list of my FOIA requests here: <https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/foia>

The John Birch Society was founded in December 1958 by Robert Welch. Arguably, it has been the best organized, best-financed, longest-existing and most successful right-wing conspiracy organization in modern times.

On many occasions, senior officers of the Birch Society (including JBS founder Robert Welch) stated that former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was our nation's most knowledgeable, reliable, and authoritative expert on the communist movement. See, for example, the Birch Society's October 1966 article in its magazine, *American Opinion*, entitled "[*The Wisdom and Warning of J. Edgar Hoover.*](#)"

Strangely, very few historians or other scholars had pursued FOIA requests to the FBI to determine the FBI's evaluation of the Birch Society's premises, arguments, and conclusions --- particularly with respect to those persons and organizations which the Birch Society has characterized in highly derogatory terms such as "[*communist*](#)", "[*pro-communist*](#)", "[*communist sympathizer*](#)", "[*communist agent*](#)" "[*subversive*](#)", "[*un-American*](#)" or "[*traitor*](#)".

Thus, I always thought my research would be welcomed by JBS members and their supporters because it would serve as a “*reality check*”- i.e. allow them to ascertain to what degree their conclusions conform to judgments made by the person (Hoover) and the institution (FBI) which they have so highly recommended for decades!

In addition, since the JBS claims to be an “*educational organization*” and “*an army fighting with facts*” - whose “*only weapon is the truth*” one would think that having access to new data released for the first time, as a consequence of my FOIA requests, would be eagerly welcomed.... but nothing could be further from reality!

I was the first person to request and receive the entire FBI headquarters main file on the JBS (HQ file #62-104401 in 60 sections = 12,000 pages). I also am the first person to receive most of the FBI field office files on the JBS and those files are often hundreds or thousands of additional pages. Of particular interest are the Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles field office files.

I also requested and received numerous files/documents pertaining to people and organizations associated with, or recommended by, the Birch Society in its literature. This includes documents/files on FBI informants within the CPUSA who later became paid speakers for the JBS.

In addition, I also acquired numerous FBI files and documents pertaining to the Communist Party—USA, plus numerous organizations characterized by the Birch Society in very derogatory terms such as:

American Association for the United Nations, American Civil Liberties Union, Americans For Democratic Action, American Friends Service Committee, Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith, Council on Foreign Relations, CORE, Foreign Policy Association, Fair Play For Cuba Committee, Highlander Folk School, League of Women Voters, NAACP, National Committee For A Sane Nuclear Policy, National Council of Churches, National Education Association, National Student Association, National Urban League, United World Federalists, UNESCO, UNICEF.

During the past 10 years I made a special effort to obtain the FBI’s CPUSA-related files (HQ and field offices) in order to determine whether or not the claims made by the John Birch Society regarding CPUSA interest in, or fear of, the JBS is justified by available evidence in FBI documents. [See link below to my webpage which contains an 84-page alpha list of my FOIA requests.]

NOTE:

Many FBI files which I obtained are now available online on the Internet Archive website.

Thanks to the generosity of Southern Poverty Law Center, a major portion of my paper FBI files were scanned into PDF files by the Center For Right Wing Studies at University of California-Berkeley. As scans of those files were completed, I added them to my personal Internet Archive webpage (see the “*FBI files recd after 2015*” link below).

More FBI files will be uploaded during 2020 after the FBI finishes processing many of my outstanding FOIA requests.

FBI FILES RECD BEFORE 2015

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FBI FILES RECD AFTER 2015

I have donated DVD's containing hundreds of FBI files to University of California-Berkeley's "*Center For Right-Wing Studies*". See: <http://crws.berkeley.edu/fbi-foia-archive>

Significantly, when I bring the attention of JBS members and sympathizers to what I have discovered in FBI files and documents, they never ask me questions about the content of those files and documents. They never ask me how they might go about obtaining copies to check their content. They never offer alternative interpretations nor do they attempt to refute anything shown in the FBI documents cited in my JBS Report (see links below).

Instead, JBS partisans usually immediately engage in hostile and abusive attacks upon my character, integrity, and patriotism ---even though they don't know a thing about me! For example: one of my most prolific JBS critics (John Perna, a JBS chapter leader in South Carolina) routinely referred to me as "*Comrade*", "*New World Order stooge*", "*disinformation agent*", "*false patriot*", and similar terms.

Perna also posted numerous messages in Yahoo conspiracy discussion groups which declared that J. Edgar Hoover's FBI was (quoting Perna) "*a great friend*" of the Birch Society. Some Birchers even go so far as to claim that JBS members had been "*FBI employees*" during Hoover's tenure...which is false--according to J. Edgar Hoover!

On November 18, 1964 J. Edgar Hoover held a very unusual 3-hour press conference. It was devoted, primarily, to discussing the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy---which had just been released. During this press conference Hoover also discussed the murders of civil rights workers in the south, gun control legislation, and other subjects.

It was during this press conference that Hoover made his now famous comment about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. being "*the most notorious liar in the country*." For example, see "*HOOVER ASSAILS WARREN FINDINGS*" by Ben A. Franklin (*New York Times*, Nov 19, 1964, page 1).

It was also during this press conference that Hoover was asked his opinion about JBS founder, Robert Welch. Hoover's remarks about Welch often

However, FBI Associate Director Clyde Tolson correctly recognized the impact that Hoover's caustic comments about Welch would have and Tolson wrote a memo to Hoover to suggest standard wording for replies to the anticipated deluge of inquiries which he anticipated that the Bureau would probably receive (and which it did receive).

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

We will doubtlessly receive a number of inquiries from the John Birch Society in view of your statement concerning the head of the Society at your press conference.

I suggest we answer these generally as follows:

"The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. Personally, I have had little respect for the head of the John Birch Society since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles, and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism."

Clyde Tolson

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A PARTIAL LIST OF AUTHORS WHO HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED MY RESEARCH IN THEIR BOOKS, ARTICLES, CONFERENCE PAPERS, and ACADEMIC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

2021

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Yale University Library: *National Security, Espionage, and Intelligence in American History: 20th Century Primary Sources*. Includes link to my FBI files at UC-Berkeley.
<https://guides.library.yale.edu/c.php?g=296224&p=1974061>

Ernie Lazar, an independent scholar of U.S. right wing movements and anti-communism. Over the past decades he has obtained numerous FBI files under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This collection currently consists of websites and five CDs that contain files of various individual FBI informants or government employees involved in domestic intelligence work gathering information on both left- and right-wing movements and organizations. In addition to agent reports and FBI monographs, there is biographical and career and personnel information on the individual informants and government employees. Index to archive

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2020

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<https://www.thedailybeast.com/phyllis-schlafly-mrs-america-was-a-secret-member-of-the-john-birch-society>

2020 WEBSITE RE: KOCH FAMILY – Lisa Graves cites me as “*independent researcher*”

<https://kochdocs.org/about-this-project/>

Circa January **2020**:

Dr. Irwin Collier internet article entitled “*M.I.T. WINGNUT INSPIRATION FOR DU PONT’S CRUSADE AGAINST PAUL SAMUELSON’S TEXTBOOK, 1947*”. Irwin cites and reproduces text from my collection of FBI files on Merwin K. Hart

<http://www.irwincollier.com/m-i-t-wingnut-inspiration-for-du-ponts-crusade-against-paul-samuels-sons-textbook-1947/>

2019

Conspiracies of Conspiracies: How Delusions Have Overrun America by Thomas M. Konda (University of Chicago Press, 2019, 450pp); Quotes from my *Nature and Purpose of Conspiracy Theories* article and has references to my Mullins report and 2 other bibliographic citations. Konda is a political science professor at State University of New York at Plattsburgh <https://tinyurl.com/y4x7lr6n>

Email from: 12/15/19

“I just wanted to write to say thanks to all of you for your help in getting to this point, I would not have been able to get here without your teaching, time, effort, support, and patience! I really appreciate all of your time and help!”

Dr. Alon Milwickski :) re: his 2019 doctoral dissertation, ***Baptizing Nazism: An Analysis of the Religious Roots of American Neo-Nazism*** [American University, 2019, 242pp]

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2018

Emory University Dept of Political Science, “***Communism in American Life***” Seminar Resources (by Dr. Harvey Klehr)

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The untold story of the FBI informants who penetrated the upper reaches of organizations such as the Communist Party, USA, the Black Panther Party, the Revolutionary Union and other groups labeled threats to the internal security of the United States.

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Stuart Wexler and Larry Hancock: *Killing King: Racial Terrorists, James Earl Ray, and the Plot to Assassinate Martin Luther King Jr.* [Counterpoint Press, Apr 1, 2018, 291 pages; in Acknowledgements section.]

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Robbie Maxwell: “A Shooting Star of Conservatism”: George S. Benson, the National Education Program and the “Radical Right” = *Journal of American Studies*, December 2017, pages 1-29

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2016

J.M. Berger: *The Turner Legacy: The Storied Origins and Enduring Impact of White Nationalism’s Deadly Bible*

September 2016, International Center for Counter-Terrorism (footnote includes link to my William Pierce FBI files)

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2015

Digital HUAC – March 21, 2015

<https://twitter.com/DigitalHUAC>

Joan Brady: *America's Dreyfuss: The Case Nixon Rigged* [Skyscraper, 2015, 431pp]

2/6/16 email from Joan:

Dear Mr. Lazar

Here's the quote from my book about you and your work:

"A man called Ernie Lazar has been flooding the National Archives with Freedom of Information requests for decades, nearly 9000 of them; he's collected and archived something like 600,000 files. I ran across a stunning one while I was seeking out newspaper reports of Chambers's childhood. A few months after [Chambers's] handwritten FBI confession, the Special Agent in charge of the Washington office is telling the Special Agent in charge of the New York office about a rumour that Chambers himself reported:

"Sometime in 1936 or later, Hiss is supposed to have discovered that Chambers was having homosexual relations with Timothy Hobson –"

I have the greatest respect for what you're doing; I very much hope you're still doing it, and as you can see from the above, I've fully credited what I used in my book (the endnotes give details). The attached is a review of it; it will give you an idea of the context.

My very best to you, Joan Brady

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2013

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Lee Fang: *The Machine: A Field Guide to the Resurgent Right* [The New Press, January 2013]

<http://books.google.com/books?id=Ym2ZoGrteoYC&pg=PT64&dq=ernie+lazar&hl=en&sa=X&ei=kBiBUpPNGc-YigL954CIBw&ved=0CD0Q6AEwATgK#v=onepage&q=ernie%20lazar&f=false>

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2009

The archives of the Rachel Maddow program on MSNBC for December 23, 2009. During that broadcast concerning the Birch Society -- Rachel used material she received from me and she credited me on air for that material. You may see Rachel's video reference to my contribution starting at 5:43

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<http://www.geocities.ws/drabbs/ALReview.pdf>

The late John Drabble sent me the following email in 2010:

"Dear Mr. Lazar,

Thank you once again for allowing me to use your private collection of FBI documents last summer. With your help, I was able to acquire important information for my recently published article, "*The FBI, COINTELPRO-WHITE HATE and the Decline Ku Klux Klan Organizations in Alabama, 1964-1971*," Alabama Review, 61, (January 2008): 3-47, my forthcoming article, "*From Reactionary White Supremacy to Revolutionary White Power: The FBI's COINTELPRO-WHITE HATE Operation and the 'Nazification' of the Ku Klux Klan*," American Studies, (forthcoming), and my working manuscript, entitled "*FBI Covert Operations and Suppression of Ku Klux Klan Violence, 1964-1971*," which I plan to submit to *Terrorism and Political Violence* next fall.

The documents on the United Klans, The Minutemen, and other racist-right groups, which I plan to look at this summer, will help greatly in researching for my book-length manuscript on COINTELPRO-WHITE HATE, as well as additional journal articles.

I have been researching this topic for ten years now, and I have found your collection to be of immense help, as the majority of your documents are not available through any other source. I also want to commend your blog. You publish most original, interesting and important research, raising important issues and making them available to the general public. If not for your publishing efforts, I would never have known of your collection. I look forward to your next blog, and to many more research hours in your collection."

Dr. John Drabble

Assistant Professor of American Culture and Literature, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey; Visiting Professor, International Area Studies Teaching Program, University of California at Berkeley

2005

James Edward Wood: *Church And State In The Modern World: A Critical Assessment And Annotated* [Greenwood Publishing Group, 2005, 649pp]

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2003

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2000

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WEBPAGE LINKS TO ALL MY REPORTS – JULY 2021	
SUBJECT (latest revision date)	URL
MY RESEARCH (Homepage) April 2021 / 16pp	https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/home
ACADEMIC THESES & DISSERTATIONS ON RIGHT-WING August 2020 / 107pp	https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/biblio-2 Also available for download here: http://crws.berkeley.edu/theses-and-dissertations
ANTI-CFR, ANTI-ILLUMINATI, ANTI-ROCKEFELLER LITERATURE October 2011 / 31pp	https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/biblio-1
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EDGAR BUNDY and CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA March 2013 / 11pp	https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/bundy-1
CONSPIRACY THEORIES: NATURE and PURPOSE OF February 2021 / 17pp	https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/ct-1
CPUSA <i>[Communist Party USA and FBI Penetration of Party]</i>	https://sites.google.com/site/xrt013/cpusa1

<p>November 2019 / 31pp</p> <p>CPUSA—Sen. Joseph McCarthy's Charges</p> <p>[Claims made by M. Stanton Evans in his 2007 book, <i>"Blacklisted By History: The Untold Story of Senator Joe McCarthy and His Fight Against American's Enemies"</i>]</p> <p>April 2020 / 10pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/cpusa/mccarthy</p>
<p>HARRY J. DEAN and</p> <p>"JBS PLOT" to Murder JFK</p> <p>[Harry Dean has claimed for 50 years that he was "<i>recruited</i>" by the FBI (and the CIA) to become their informant and undercover operative to provide information on radical right-wing and left-wing organizations and individuals.</p> <p>Harry also claimed that in September 1963 he informed the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles FBI office (Wesley Grapp) about a John Birch Society "<i>plot</i>" to murder President Kennedy which involved Guy Galbadon, John Rousselot, Maj. Gen. Edwin A Walker, Loran Hall, and Lawrence Howard but (says Harry) the FBI refuses to release documents confirming Dean's story for "<i>national security</i>" reasons.</p> <p>Dean's FBI-HQ and FBI-Los Angeles and CIA files were released 30 years ago, and they DO NOT support Dean's assertions. In fact, a Los Angeles FBI Agent described Dean on one serial as a "<i>mental case</i>". There are no documents of any kind whatsoever reflecting that Dean gave any information to SAC Wesley Grapp about any "<i>JBS plot</i>" and it should be noted that at the time Harry Dean claims he gave that information to Grapp in Los Angeles (i.e. September 1963), Grapp was still assigned as Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Miami Florida field office!]</p> <p>August 2017 / 75pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/xrt013/harrydean</p>
<p>DOCUMENTS</p> <p>[Copies of scanned documents pertaining to extreme right individuals and groups]</p> <p>May 2011 / 11pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/documents</p>

<p>DOOM PREDICTIONS BY RIGHT-WING</p> <p><i>[Extreme Right Doom Predictions]</i></p> <p>September 2019 / 11pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/doom</p>
<p>FBI INFORMANTS</p> <p>CPUSA</p> <p><i>[FBI informants inside CPUSA] = 12pp</i></p> <p>DELMAR DENNIS</p> <p><i>[Dennis = FBI informant inside White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi] = 3pp</i></p> <p>February 2021 / 15pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/cpusa/informants</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/dennis</p>
<p>FBI ABBREVIATIONS AND FORMS</p> <p>June 2015, 32pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/foia/fbi-info</p>
<p>FOIA REQUESTS =</p> <p>Alpha List of My Requests</p> <p>December 2018 / 84pp</p> <p>FBI CHART OF MY FOIA REQUESTS (prior to 2007)</p> <p>May 2017 / 253pp</p> <p>(PDF copy also attached at bottom of this webpage)</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/foia</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/xrt013/home</p>
<p>ANATOLI GOLITSYN:</p> <p>A CONSPIRATORIAL DILEMMA</p> <p><i>[Conspiracy believers often propose we believe mutually exclusive “expert” sources]</i></p> <p>August 2008 / 17pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/golitsyn</p>
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: chapters 1-4</p> <p><i>[Note: As of <u>February 2021</u>, my entire JBS report (chapters 1 thru 18) totals 687 pages.]</i></p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/jbs-1</p>

<p>Introduction – including discussion of controversy over Robert Welch’s 287-page “<i>private letter</i>” which was entitled <i>The Politician</i> and how the FBI first learned about Robert Welch and the Birch Society, -- then</p> <p>(1) <i>FBI Evaluations of Robert Welch and the John Birch Society</i></p> <p>(2) <i>FBI vs JBS on Internal Security Status of U.S.</i></p> <p>(3) <i>FBI vs JBS on Communist Infiltration of Clergy and Religious Institutions</i></p> <p>(4) <i>FBI vs JBS on Communists in the Department of Health, Education, Welfare</i></p> <p>January 2020 / 52pp</p>	
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: chapter 5</p> <p><i>FBI vs JBS on Harry A. Overstreet as alleged “Communist sympathizer” or Dupe</i></p> <p>February 2015 / 8pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/jbs-2</p>
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: chapter 6</p> <p><i>FBI vs JBS on U.S. Civil Rights Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •□□□“<i>Negro Soviet Republic</i>” as CPUSA Strategy •□FBI on Alan Stang’s 1965 book published by JBS, “<i>It’s Very Simple: The True Story of Civil Rights</i>” •□□□□Highlander Folk School as an alleged “<i>Communist Training School</i>” attended by Martin Luther King Jr. •□Gary Allen’s article in the JBS magazine, <i>American Opinion</i>, on the August 1965 Watts Riot, “<i>The Plan to Burn Los Angeles</i>” 	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/jbs-3</p>

<p>• The Birch Society's Evaluation of African-American Labor and Civil Rights Leader, A. Philip Randolph</p> <p>AND</p> <p>1966 JBS Film: <i>"Anarchy USA"</i></p> <p>December 2020 / 59pp</p> <p>(59pp for chapters 6 and 7 combined)</p>	
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: chapter 7</p> <p>FBI vs JBS on Persons JBS Claims to Be "Experts" About Communism</p> <p><i>[Discusses Dan Smoot, W. Cleon Skousen, David Gumaer, Julia Brown, Lola Belle Holmes, Matt Cvetic, among others. Also see chapter 10]</i></p> <p>February 2019 / 59pp</p> <p>(59pp for chapters 6 and 7 combined)</p>	<p>Same as above</p>
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: chapter 8</p> <p><i>Conservative Critics of Robert Welch and/or the John Birch Society</i></p> <p>January 2021 / 18pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/jbs-4</p>
<p>COMBINED REPORT ON JBS ATTACK UPON OUR CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT</p> <p>[This combines all chapters related to the JBS 6-decade attack upon our civil rights movement]</p> <p>December 2020 / 249pp</p>	<p>https://archive.org/details/john-birch-society-vs-civil-rights-movement-249pp/mode/2up</p>
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: chapter 9</p> <p><i>Documentary History</i></p> <p><i>of the John Birch Society</i></p> <p><i>[Note: Section 9005a now contains links to selected newspaper articles about the JBS from Google News Archive.]</i></p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie1241/</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie1241a/</p>

<p>This Chapter presents a history of JBS through documents -- most of which have never previously been publicly available. The last section (9005a) now includes a section regarding internal controversies within the JBS from 2000-2006.</p> <p>May 2014 / 88pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie1241b/</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/jbs9004/</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/jbs9005a/</p>
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: chapter 10</p> <p><i>Background Information about JBS American Opinion Speakers Bureau Employees</i></p> <p>January 2020 / 23pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/xrt013/home/jbs</p>
<p>RACISM and the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY:</p> <p>– chapter 11</p> <p><i>Racism and the John Birch Society--part 1</i></p> <p>April 2019 / 90 pages</p> <p><i>Racism and the John Birch Society--part 2</i></p> <p>March 2020 / 44 pages</p> <p>NEW!</p> <p><i>Racism and the John Birch Society--part 3</i></p> <p>[Part 3 of this Report <i>includes a detailed Chronology</i> on pages 24-121 showing voluminous connections of racial and religious bigots to JBS]</p> <p>February 2021 / 125 pages</p>	<p><u>CHAPTER 11</u></p> <p>PART ONE--Racism and JBS</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr</p> <p>PART TWO--Racism and JBS</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/home/racism-and-john-birch-society-2</p> <p>NEW! PART THREE--Racism and JBS</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/home/jbs-racism3</p>
<p>EFFICIENCY RESEARCH BUREAU</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/home/erb</p>

<p>– chapter 12</p> <p><i>The Fraudulent Investigation of the JBS by Efficiency Research Bureau</i></p> <p>NOTE: Chapter 12 is the first section of my multi-part rebuttal to a February 2018 article by Bircher Alex Newman.</p> <p>Newman responded to comments that appeared on <i>The Federalist</i> website earlier in February. See Chapters 15 and 16 below.</p> <p>February 2019 / 15 pages</p>	
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY FALSEHOODS REGARDING ROBERT WELCH'S "PRIVATE LETTER" ENTITLED "THE POLITICIAN"</p> <p>---CHAPTER 13</p> <p>March 2019 / 15 pages</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/home/tp</p>
<p>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>NEW! CHAPTER 14</p> <p>January 2021 / 46 pages</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/jbs-members</p>
<p>CHAPTER 15</p> <p>REBUTTAL TO ALEX NEWMAN</p> <p>ARTICLE DEFENDING JBS</p> <p>January 2020 / 33 pages</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/home/jbs-newman</p>
<p>CHAPTER 16</p> <p>BIRCH SOCIETY MIS-USE OF 1963 CALIFORNIA SENATE REPORT ON JBS</p> <p>January 2020 / 32 pages</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/home/jbs-racism3/jbs-newman-2</p>
<p>CHAPTER 17</p> <p>Rebuttal to Alex Newman Attack Upon <i>Daily Beast</i> website article re: JBS & Phyllis Schlafly</p> <p>May 2020 / 19 pages</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/newman-3</p>

<p>COMBINED REPORT ON JBS</p> <p>[This combines all 18 chapters of my JBS research into one continuous narrative]</p> <p>December 2020 / 615pp</p>	<p>https://archive.org/details/john-birch-society-report-october-2020-614pp</p>
<p>NEW!</p> <p>RIGHT-WING VIOLENCE</p> <p>Historical Background (links to relevant documentation)</p> <p>[Includes chart of seditionists arrested for January 6th attack upon our Capitol]</p> <p>March 2021 / 27 pages</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/right-wing-violence</p>
<p>NEW!</p> <p>POLITICAL SPECTRUM</p> <p><i>Analysis of Proposed Spectrum Where Nazis-Fascists and White Nationalists are Proposed as LEFT-WING</i></p> <p>March 2021 / 30 pages</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/home/politicalspectrum</p>
<p>MARTIN LUTHER KING and the</p> <p>“THE COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL” CONTROVERSY</p> <p><i>[Who was responsible for describing Highlander Folk School as a “Communist Training School”?]</i></p> <p>March 2019 / 16pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/hfs-1</p>
<p>EUSTACE MULLINS</p> <p>December 2016 / 30pp</p> <p><i>[New expanded edition anticipated in 2021 – including material never previously publicly available]</i></p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/mullins</p>
<p>W. CLEON SKOUSEN:</p> <p>Mythology About His FBI Career</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/skousen</p> <p>March 2021 revised edition at:</p>

<p><i>Newly revised March 2021 / 56pp</i></p> <p>NEW!</p> <p>CARROLL QUIGLEY on Cleon Skousen and Gary Allen re: Quigley's 1966 book, <i>Tragedy and Hope</i></p> <p><i>February 2021 / 13pp</i></p>	<p>https://archive.org/details/skousen-w.-cleon</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/skousen/carroll-quigley</p>
<p>DAN SMOOT: CONSPIRACY EXPERT?</p> <p><i>[This Smoot report greatly expands upon the data presented in chapter 7 of my John Birch Society report and it includes a lengthy discussion of extreme right assertions about our civil rights movement]</i></p> <p>December 2011 / 22pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/smoot</p>
<p>JAMES W. VON BRUNN</p> <p><i>[Critique of Rush Limbaugh's claim that Von Brunn was motivated by left-wing impulses]</i></p> <p>March 2019 / 20pp</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/site/ernie124102/vonbrunn</p>

<p>NEW!</p> <p>MANNING JOHNSON</p> <p>--Birch Society Mythology</p> <p>July 2021 / 6pp</p>	<p>https://archive.org/details/johnson-manning</p> <p>OR</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/site/aboutxr/home/manning-johnso</p>
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